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OUR HOUSEHOLD REMEDIES—AN APPEAL

It is common knowledge that large sections of our people still depend on household remedies and folk-medicines. Household remedies are often tested effective prescriptions based on simple inexpensive and usually easily available plants and plant products. Much of this information remains as personal knowledge and is passed on by word of mouth from person to person or generation to generation. For various reasons, much of this knowledge is now getting lost.

It is advisable and urgent that this knowledge is recorded and brought together for proper study and wider application. The Economic Botany Section of the Botanical Survey of India is undertaking this task.

It is realised that some of this information may be very common knowledge end even recorded in published literature. But all may not be so. And this search is intended to screen the information and locate such new knowledge for scientific scrutiny. Many plants used in household remedies will be known by their local names. The communications should include the ailment(s), names and particulars of the plants, or plant-parts used, method of preparation and administration of the medicines.

Readers are requested to write the household remedies for common diseases or ailments known to them, to the Economic Botanist, Botanical Survey of India, P.O. Botanic Garden, HOWRAH-711 103 (W. Bengal).

All communications will be gratefully acknowledged.

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